

# ***The Iowa Council on Homelessness***

## **DRAFT MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date/Time: Friday, March 11, 2016  
Conference Call

A special meeting of the Executive Committee for the Iowa Council on Homelessness was held on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

### **OPENING**

Chair Phillips opened the meeting (conference call) at 4 PM. The following voting members were present: Binner, Brustkern, Hagen, Phillips, and Wilson. A quorum was established.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION ITEM**

On motion by Mr. Binner and seconded by Mr. Hagen, the agenda was unanimously approved.

### **REQUEST FROM PATRIOT PLACE FOR CONTINUUM OF CARE REVIEW— ACTION ITEM**

From the Agenda: *“This is for a proposed project of Iowa’s Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, Housing for the Homeless Demonstration Set-Aside. A requirement of the competition is that projects must demonstrate that the applicable HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) governing body for their region has been informed of the project’s plans, and is in support of the application.*

*The Review Form doesn’t require approval of a detailed plan; rather, the CoC is asked if it confirms the following: “The Continuum of Care has reviewed the proposed project and confirms that it meets an identified need for supportive housing in the region.”*

Ms. Ridenour provided a summary of the proposed project, with additional information from Mr. Rieker. Several items were provided in advance of the meeting and are posted online, which describe the project and give evidence of community support for the project. The project will have 48 units, and will prioritize homeless veterans. It will have a minimum of five set-aside units for homeless households.

Committee members followed up with some questions. Mr. Binner asked about HUD-VASH vouchers. Ms. Ridenour explained that VASH vouchers are not in the current plan, but could be in the long-run. Mr. Binner also asked about pursuing a real estate tax exemption. The response was that the project will be receiving a tax abatement, with the City of Cedar Rapids having already approved a resolution for a 10-year abatement. Mr. Wilson asked about monthly rent. The response was that the planned rent would range from \$475 - \$650, including utilities, although some households might not pay anything. Rental assistance would be in place for the five units, as needed. Mr. Hagen asked about an organization called Patriot Place in another area; the response was that this was a separate, unaffiliated organization.

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On motion by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Brustkern, the Executive Committee approved the proposed project, confirming that it meets an identified need for supportive housing in the region. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Phillips will sign the requested review form and send to Ms. Ridenour.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness Executive Committee is Friday, April 15, 2016.

## **ADJOURN**

On motion by Mr. Brustkern and seconded by Mr. Binner, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

## **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE**

1. David Binner, Wells Fargo
2. Ben Brustkern (Vice Chair), Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
3. David Hagen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
4. Donna Phillips (Chair), Iowa Attorney General's Office
5. Tim Wilson (Secretary), Home Forward Iowa

## **OTHERS PRESENT BY PHONE**

1. Amber Lewis, Iowa Finance Authority
2. Kelly Ridenour, Healing Our Heroes
3. Jim Rieker, Seldin